

Virginia Board of Dentistry

Guidance for Completion of Radiation Certification

In order for a dental assistant to be qualified to place or expose dental x-ray film, he or she must meet qualifications set forth in Section 195 of regulations of the Board of Dentistry as follows:

18VAC60-20-195. Radiation certification.

No person not otherwise licensed by this board shall place or expose dental x-ray film unless he has (i) satisfactorily completed a course or examination recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, (ii) been certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or (iii) satisfactorily completed a radiation course and passed an examination given by the Dental Assisting National Board. Any certificate issued pursuant to satisfying the requirements of this section shall be posted in plain view of the patient.

The Board interprets satisfactory completion of a "course or examination recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association" to include a course with examination provided by a dental assisting, dental hygiene or dentistry program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

Any person who was qualified to place or expose dental x-ray film by satisfactorily completing a course and passing an examination in compliance with guidelines provided by the board prior to May 11, 2011 continues to be so qualified.